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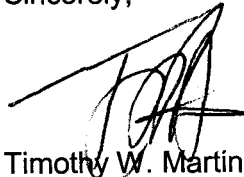
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) submits the following comments in response to the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) notice for clearance of a new information collection to identify and evaluate barriers to right-of-way training needs published in the October 21, 2004 Federal Register.

IDOT concurs in the FHWA's assessment of this issue. More training for individuals handling right-of-way activities for federal and state transportation agencies is needed. We believe this research project would be a useful exercise and we support the stated goal of the proposed information collection to identify and evaluate barriers to existing right-of-way training courses.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this notice.

Sincerely,



Timothy W. Martin
Secretary